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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide telephone connections within a month to those on the waiting list for over six months;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which all the persons in the waiting lists are likely to be provided telephone connections;

(d) the number of persons on waiting list, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide mobile telephones in villages/towns in Rajasthan having population of more than 20 thousand within three months; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Sir, BSNL is providing telephone connections within a month in all technically feasible areas.However,in some places which are technically non-feasible waiting list exists.

MTNL is providing telephone connections on demand subject to feasibility.

(c) Most of the waiting list as on 30.09.2008 is expected to be cleared progressively by April, 2009.However,the generation of waiting list is a continuous process.

(d) The Circle wise waiting list of wireline, WLL and Mobile connections as on 31.10.2008 is given in the Annexure.

(e) All 139 villages/towns of Rajasthan Circle having population more than 20 thousands have already been covered with GSM mobile service.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.